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For : PHOTOGRAPHING OPERATION CONTROL DEVICE FOR
ELECTRONIC STILL CAMERA

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___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A Request for Extension of Time.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 27, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on December 27, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.